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BRAZILIAN NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION

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1. SUMMARY. MAJOR BRAZILIAN NEWSPAPER O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO AND JORNAL DO BRASIL (RIO) OF SEPT. 8, CARRIED FAIRLY EXTENSIVE COVERAGE OF ASST. SECRETARY TODMAN'S REMARKS AT SEPT. 7 BRAZILIAN EMBASSY NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION IN WASHINGTON. PAPERS GAVE MOST PROMINENCE TO HIS REMARKS CONCERNING NUCLEAR AFFAIRS AND REPORTED TODMAN AS SAYING THAT US UNDERSTANDS BRAZIL'S NEEDS FOR NUCLEAR ENERGY BUT THAT US REMAINS CONCERNED ABOUT NON-PROLIFERATION. END SUMMARY.

2. AS REQUESTED IN REF. TELCON, FOLLOWING ARE BRAZILIAN PRESS ACCOUNTS OF ASST SECRETARY TODMAN'S REMARKS TO REPORTERS AT BRAZILIAN EMBASSY SEPTEMBER 7. O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO OF SEPT. 8  
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CARRIED FRONT-PAGE BOX TITLED "TODMAN GUARANTEES (US) RESPECT FOR BRAZIL'S NUCLEAR POLICY." STORY ITSELF WAS CARRIED AS PART OF COVERAGE ON GOB VP PEREIRA DOS SANTOS' ACTIVITIES IN WASHINGTON. ACCORDING TO THIS STORY, TODMAN SAID, "THE UNITED STATES UNDERSTANDS PERFECTLY BRAZIL'S NECESSITY TO DEVELOP NUCLEAR ENERGY FOR PEACEFUL USES." JORNAL DO BRASIL CARRIED TODMAN'S REMARKS AS

A SEPARATE STORY TITLED "US UNDERSTANDS BRAZIL'S NUCLEAR POLICY," AND QUOTED TODMAN SLIGHTLY DIFFERENTLY: "BRAZIL NEEDS TO DEVELOP NUCLEAR ENERGY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES, AND THE US UNDERSTANDS THIS PERFECTLY." BOTH PAPERS ALSO CARRIED TODMAN'S AFFIRMATION THAT THE US WILL CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN ITS NON-PROLIFERATION POLICY, O ESTADO STATING THAT TODMAN ADDED "BUT THIS IS ANOTHER MATTER."

3. IN OTHER NUCLEAR MATTERS, TODMAN WAS REPORTED IN BOTH PAPERS AS SAYING THAT THE NUCLEAR QUESTION WOULD BE ONE OF THE ISSUES DEALT WITH DURING SECRETARY VANCE'S UPCOMING TRIP TO BRAZIL. ADDING, HOWEVER, THAT THE AGENDA FOR THE VISIT HAD NOT YET BEEN SET. BOTH PAPER'S ALSO REPORTED TODMAN'S COMMENT THAT BRAZIL-ARGENTINA NON-PROLIFERATION COOPERATION WAS STRICTLY A BILATERAL ISSUE AND THAT THE US WOULD NOT INTERFERE.

4. TODMAN WAS APPARENTLY QUESTIONED BY A REPORTER AT THE RECEPTION CONCERNING THE PREPARATION OF A NEW HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT ON BRAZIL, BUT HIS ANSWER WAS REPORTED IN CONTRADICTORY WAYS. JORNAL DO BRASIL REPORTED HIM AS SAYING THAT HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTS WOULD BE COMPLETED IN ACCORDANCE WITH EXISTING US LAW IN THOSE CASES INVOLVING SECURITY AGREEMENTS OR MILITARY AID. ACCORDING TO O ESTADO, HOWEVER, UNCLASSIFIED

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TODMAN SAID THAT HE DIDN'T KNOW IF THE STATE DEPT. WAS PREPARING A HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT ON BRAZIL, BUT THAT THE PREPARATION OF A REPORT DIDN'T MAKE MUCH SENSE SINCE BRAZIL HAD RENOUNCED ITS MILITARY AGREEMENT WITH THE US. O ESTADO ALSO REPORTED TODMAN'S STATEMENT THAT A HUMAN RIGHTS REPORT WAS REQUIRED BY US LAW FROM ANY COUNTRY THAT RECEIVED ANY KIND OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE.

5. O ESTADO'S MORE DETAILED ARTICLE ALSO CARRIED SOME TODMAN REMARKS THAT WERE NOT COVERED BY JORNAL DO BRASIL. ON THE QUESTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, O ESTADO QUOTED TODMAN AS FOLLOWS: "WE HAVE A GENERAL POLICY IN THIS AREA AND WE STRESS IT TO OTHER COUNTRIES. IF OTHER COUNTRIES FOLLOW CERTAIN GUIDELINES IN THIS AREA, THEY WILL RECEIVE A CERTAIN RESPONSE FROM THE US. WHETHER OTHER COUNTRIES ADOPT OUR GUIDELINES IF SOMETHING THEY WILL HAVE TO RESOLVE." FINALLY, ACCORDING TO O ESTADO, TODMAN REMARKED THAT US-BRAZIL RELATIONS WERE IMPROVING GREATLY, RECALLING THAT HE HAD BEEN WELL-RECEIVED DURING HIS 3 VISITS TO BRAZIL.

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